

**California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region**

**Executive Officer's Report
Dennis A. Dickerson, Executive Officer**

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GROUNDWATER DIVISION

ENFORCEMENT & GROUNDWATER PERMITTING

Mandatory Minimum Penalty issued to Redman Equipment and Manufacturing

Sam Unger

On January 12, 2001, the Executive Officer issued a complaint for mandatory minimum penalty, against Redman Equipment and Manufacturing for exceedance of the total suspended solids effluent and oil and grease limits prescribed by Order No. 00-065 on February 23, 2000 and March 17, 2000. Redman Equipment and Manufacturing the \$3,000 penalty in full on January 12, 2001 and submitted a request to develop a pollution prevention plan in lieu of paying the remainder of the penalty.

Mandatory Minimum Penalty issued to Air Products and Chemical Corp.

Sam Unger

On February 5, 2001, the Executive Officer issued a complaint for mandatory minimum penalty, against Air Products and Chemical Corp. for exceedances of the total suspended solids and chromium (VI) effluent limits prescribed by Order No. 94-116 in April, 2000 and August 29, 2000. Air Products and Chemicals Corp. paid the penalty in full on February 27, 2001.

Mandatory Minimum Penalty issued to California State University Long Beach

Rafael Maestu

On February 8, 2001, the Executive Officer issued a complaint for administrative civil liability, against California State University Long Beach, based on a finding of violation of Waste Discharge Requirements prescribed in Board Order No. 94-034 (NPDES No. CA0054267, CI No. 2952) on March 6, May 9, September 5, and December 4, 2000. The penalty was paid in full on February 22, 2001.

Mandatory Minimum Penalty issued to HPG Management

Rafael Maestu

On February 20, 2001, the Executive Officer issued a complaint for administrative civil liability, against HPG Management, based on a finding of violation of Waste Discharge Requirements prescribed in Board Order No. 97-043 (NPDES No. CAG994002, CI No. 7072) on January 26, 2000. The penalty was paid in full on March 7, 2001.

Mandatory Minimum Penalty issued to Hermetic Seal Corporation

Rafael Maestu

On February 16, 2001, the Executive Officer issued a complaint for administrative civil liability, against Hermetic Seal Corporation, based on a finding of violation of Waste Discharge Requirements prescribed in Board Order No. 98-055 (NPDES No. CAG994003, CI No. 2937) on February 2, 2000.

Mandatory Minimum Penalty issued to Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

Rafael Maestu

On February 9, 2001, the Executive Officer issued a complaint for administrative civil liability, against Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County-George C. Page Museum, based on a finding of violation of Waste Discharge Requirements prescribed in Board Order No. 97-043 (NPDES No. CAG994001, CI No. 6739) on September 6, 2000. The penalty was paid in full on February 23, 2001.

Mandatory Minimum Penalty issued to Ormond Beach Power Generation, L.L.C.

Sam Unger

On December 27, 2000, the Executive Officer issued a complaint for mandatory minimum penalty, against Ormond Beach Power Generation, L.L.C. for exceedance of the total suspended solids effluent limit prescribed by Order No. 94-132 on September 11, 2000. Ormond Beach Power Generation L.L.C. paid the penalty in full on January 23, 2001.

Mandatory Minimum Penalty issued to Spyglass Homeowners Association

Sam Unger

On December 27, 2000, the Executive Officer issued a complaint for mandatory minimum penalty, against Spyglass Homeowners Association for exceedance of the total suspended solids effluent limit prescribed by Order No. 97-045 on February 4, 2000. Spyglass Homeowners Association paid the penalty in full on March 2, 2001. Administrative Civil Liability issued to DT Jordan d.b.a. Spencer Die Castings Co Dionisia Rodriguez On February 13, 2001, the Executive Officer issued a complaint for administrative civil liability, against Mr. DT Jordan d.b.a. Spencer Die Castings Co, for non-submittal of an annual report in violation of State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 97-03-DWQ and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAS000001.

Administrative Civil Liability issued to Wilshire West Partners

Sam Unger

On October 13, 2000, the Executive Officer issued a revised complaint for administrative civil liability, against Wilshire West Partners for discharges of oily wastewater to Ballona Creek and failure to submit discharge monitoring and technical reports that violated Regional Board Order No. 97-043 (NPDES Permit Nos. CAG994002) on October 11-12, 1999. Wilshire West Partners paid the penalty in full on March 2, 2001.

NPDES Facility Inspections

Jesus Plasencia & Jose Morales

Enforcement Unit NPDES inspectors conducted level B1 inspections of 20 facilities with NPDES Permits. Inspection of these facilities is a required part of the NPDES program. A list of facilities inspected is shown as [attachment "A"](#).

Notices Of Violation - NPDES Discharger Monitoring Reports

Enforcement Staff

The Executive Officer issued Notices of Violation to 10 facilities for failing to comply with provisions of Waste Discharge Requirements included as part of their NPDES Permits. Enforcement staff identified these violations as part of the NPDES discharger monitoring report review process.

Board Hearing Panel

Enforcement Staff

In accordance with Resolution 00-017, a Regional Board Hearing Panel conducted an evidentiary hearing for ACLs on March 5, 2001. The hearing Panel, consisting of three Board members heard evidence pertaining to a discretionary ACL and a Migden Mandatory Penalty. The Hearing Panel heard evidence presented by a Discharger and Board staff and will report their findings at a future full Board Meeting.

City of Los Angeles

Sam Unger

On January 8, 2001, the USEPA and Regional Board filed suit against the City of Los Angeles for repeated sanitary sewer overflows from the City's wastewater collection system. Many of these sewage overflows are violations of the Clean Water Act. The EPA and Regional Board lawsuit was combined with the Santa Monica Baykeeper's lawsuit, filed in 1998, against the City of Los Angeles for similar violations of the Clean Water Act. The lawsuit addresses both dry weather and wet weather overflows, including capacity, maintenance, infiltration, grease control, and odor issues.

City of Los Angeles - Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant

Sam Unger

On February 15, 2000, the Executive Officer issued a complaint for administrative civil liability, to the City of Los Angeles for discharge from the Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant in violation of Board Orders Nos. 98-047 and 97-042. At least 1,400,000 gallons of secondary effluent was discharged to the reclaimed water distribution system and distributed to customers, causing a threat to human health. At the public hearing on April 13, 2000, the Board affirmed the complaint. On May 15, 2000 the City petitioned the State Water Resources Control Board for review of the Regional Board action. On February 15, 2001 the State Board issued Order No. WQ 2001-02 which remanded the complaint to the Regional Board for further proceedings.

Acton Area - General Waste Discharge Requirements

Acton is a rural community in northeastern Los Angeles County. Most of the Acton area is developed or has tentative tract maps pending at the County of Los Angeles. The Acton area is underlain predominantly by a complex suite of crystalline bedrock overlain locally by alluvial deposits. Drinking water sources in the area are groundwater and imported water.

Several tract developments for residential houses in the Acton area submitted Reports of Waste Discharge. Developers for Tract Nos. 43766, 46205, 49240, 49240-01, 49240-02, 47788, 49601, 49601-01, 49601-02 propose to install conventional septic systems for their residential developments and are seeking coverage under General WDRs for their projects. Regional Board staff have evaluated the hydrogeologic reports for the proposed projects. Some lots in the tracts have alluvial soils suitable for the septic tank systems. However, some lots are located on shallow bedrock and may not be appropriate for septic tank systems.

In February 2001, Board staff had several meetings and discussions with the developers and citizens of the Acton area regarding the WDRs. Participants in the communications included Coussoulis Developments, Forecast Homes, Classic Engineering, Lewis & Company Inc., Century 21 Executives, Nova Development Co., Lion Construction, Crescent Bay Co., Watt Enterprises, Ltd., Converse Consultants and Wirth & Assoc. During the meetings, Board staff explained issues related to procedures for the WDRs, agreed to clarify each item which will be required to obtain General WDR for each case, and plan to present the issues to the Regional Board as an information item.

Caulerpa taxifolia ("Killer Algae") in Southern California

An invasive algae, **Caulerpa taxifolia**, was discovered in San Diego County's Agua Hedionda Lagoon on June 12, 2000, and subsequently in Huntington Harbor. The algae probably was released into the wild from an aquarium (a practice banned under California law) by someone dumping it into a stormdrain. A green algae native to tropical waters, it has been highly invasive in the Mediterranean Sea. Following its escape from the Oceanographic Museum of Monaco around 1984, the algae rapidly spread from a patch of about one square meter to over a hectare (2.47 acres or 10,000 square meters) by 1989, and today covers many thousands of hectares.

Dubbed the "killer algae", **Caulerpa** could have devastating ecological and economic consequences for California if it is allowed to become permanently established. It has the ability to form a dense smothering blanket of growth on any surface (rock, sand or mud). It is capable of extremely rapid growth (up to one inch per day). It can grow in shallow coastal lagoons as well as deeper ocean waters. Plant and animal species diversity and abundance has been greatly reduced where **Caulerpa** has invaded. This algae essentially displaces the natural vegetation in areas where it becomes established and becomes the dominant plant life. **Caulerpa** **secretes** a toxin that is avoided by mollusks, herbivorous fish and sea urchins, so it has no known predators outside of its native tropical range. However, there are no known human health risks associated with this algae.

The Southern California Caulerpa Action Team (SCCAT) was established to quickly and effectively respond to the discovery of this algae in Southern California. SCCAT includes representatives from several state, federal, local and private entities (including California Department of Fish and Game, National Marine Fisheries Service, and San Diego, Santa Ana and Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Boards). The goal of SCCAT is to completely eradicate all **Caulerpa** infestations. Although the patches of **Caulerpa** in Agua Hedionda Lagoon and Huntington Harbor have been contained and treated with chlorine, reducing the extent of the infestation, the algae has not yet been completely eliminated from these State waters.

The California Department of Fish and Game plans to conduct surveys throughout Southern California to look for other populations of this invasive algae. Initially the surveys would focus on areas near the previously discovered infestations, but eventually the entire region should be surveyed for the presence of this algae. In the Los Angeles Region, high priority areas to be surveyed include the Port of Long Beach, Port of Los Angeles, King Harbor and Marina del Rey. Recently introduced legislation (AB 1334, Harman), if passed, would ban the possession of algae belonging to the genus **Caulerpa** in the State of California.

Additional information is available via the Internet at <http://swr.nmfs.noaa.gov/hcd/caulerpa.htm> and http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/~rwqcb9/News/Caulerpa_taxifolia/caulerpa_taxifolia.html

STORM WATER

Municipal - Los Angeles County Permit Reapplication Review and Workshop

Xavier Swamikannu

Board staff completed an initial review of the application for re-issuance of the Los Angeles County Municipal Storm Water Permit and prepared written comments, which were issued on March 2nd. A number of working-group meetings have been initiated with the Permittees' Executive Advisory Committee to receive input on storm water program components for the next permit term. The first draft should be ready for public review in early April. The Regional Board has scheduled a public workshop for April 18th (at a time and place to be announced), to discuss the first draft of the new Municipal Storm Water Permit for Los Angeles County.

The proposed renewal schedule and all related documents, including drafts and comments, will be posted on our web page. This information can be accessed by the scrolling menu on the Regional Board home page, as well as through the Municipal button on the Storm Water page at www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/programs/Stormwater/stormwater.html

Ventura County SQUIMP

Dennis Dickerson

On January 26th, the Executive Officer issued a letter to the Ventura County Storm Water Quality Program providing revisions to that program's Storm Water Quality Urban Impact Mitigation Plan or SQUIMP. This action was taken in conformance with Regional Board direction to the Executive Officer to do so following the final disposition of the State Board's review of the Los Angeles County Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan. Following receipt of this letter several cities filed petitions with the State Board seeking review of the Executive Officer's action. Subsequently, on March 20th, the Executive Officer issued a letter holding the matters in suspension until the Regional Board could review the matter and rule on the matter. This item will likely be heard by the Regional Board in April.

Municipal - CalTrans Statewide Storm Water Management Plan Adoption

Mohammad Zaidi

On July 15, 1999, the State Board adopted a statewide municipal permit for California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) storm water runoff from construction and highway maintenance activities. This permit specifies that CalTrans shall submit a proposed storm water management plan within 90 days. Although CalTrans submitted a management plan, State and Regional Board

staff determined that it was inadequate, and directed revisions several times. In late February, staff again directed substantial revisions, and provided very significant detail in this direction to CalTrans. However, CalTrans has requested a 30-day time extension, which expires at the end of March. Following this extension period, staff hope to make the proposed management plan available for public review and comment for a period of 60 days, after which State Board staff will recommend approval by the State Board (at a public meeting yet to be announced).

Industrial - Storm Report

Megan Fisher

The Storm Water Section released, in February, another issue of StormReport. Copies were distributed to all industrial storm water permittees, interested consultants, and environmental groups. The February issue includes an update of the new Storm Water Section and its goals, a wet season reminder with sampling tips, a summary of Group Monitoring requirements, and a brief article on trash and storm drains. This new issue, plus recent back issues, may also be viewed on our webpage, at www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/programs/Stormwater/stormwater.html.

The next issue of StormReport is planned for June, and will include a reminder on Annual Report submittal for 2000-2001 under the industrial program.

Industrial - Group Monitoring

Wendy Phillips

The State's General Permit for Storm Water Runoff from Industrial Activities provides for "group" monitoring by members of an industrial sector, provided that such members have similar industrial activities and similar site characteristics. As the State and Regional Boards did not want to preclude better and more cost-effective monitoring when adopting this General Permit in 1997, the permit allows for reduced sampling frequency for group members (2 storm water sampling events every five years for group members, versus 2 sampling events every year for non-group members).

In response to concerns regarding the effectiveness of group monitoring, the State Board has tentatively scheduled a workshop, with the purpose of seeking public input on this issue. The workshop is tentatively scheduled on May 30th, in Sacramento. Details will be announced later.

Industrial - Delinquent Annual Reports

Yi Lu

A longstanding backlog of over 300 applications for Notices of Termination has been resolved. The Inland/San Gabriel Unit is fact-checking the remaining annual report delinquencies, which now total 20 and 40 for fiscal years 1998/99 and 1999/00, respectively. These delinquencies represent less than 1% of total permittees (over 2,600 during those time periods), and show a substantial improvement from previous fiscal years. Examples of problems being addressed on the remaining 60 delinquencies include, among others, permittees who cannot be located, and informal enforcement letters which were not correctly addressed/certified during mass mailings of level 1 and level 2 informal enforcement letters. Upon completion of this fact-checking, by mid-March, eligible remaining cases will be transferred to the Enforcement Unit for review.

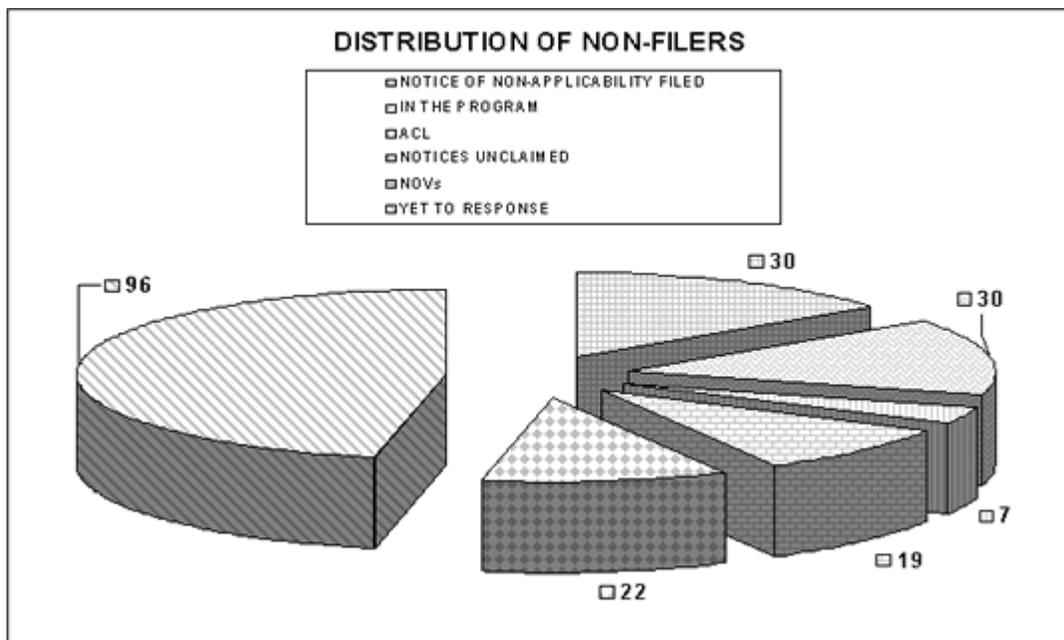
Industrial - Non-Filers Project in the City of LA

Johnny Pan

During this current fiscal year, staffs' workplan includes a commitment to follow up on 204 potential

non-filers in a four-square mile industrialized area of the City of Los Angeles. Since October 2000, staff has been contacting these potential permittees through outreach letters and informal enforcement. As of February 23, 2001, the status of these 204 potential non-filers is as follows:

- 30- Already in the General Permit or subsequently enrolled into the General Permit
- 30- Have filed NNAs (Notices of Non-applicability), which are being reviewed
- 19- Could not be contacted (letters were returned by the Postal Office)
- 7- Are in violation of NOVs providing a final 30 days to come into compliance (cases have been referred to Enforcement)
- 22 -- NOVs issued
- 96 -- Level 1 notices already issued; NOV issuance now in process
- 204- Total



Construction - Proposed New Monitoring Requirements under the General Permit

Ejigu Solomon

On September 15, 2000, the Superior Court of the County of Sacramento issued a judgment and writ of mandate in response to a petition from the Santa Monica BayKeeper, et al, which challenges the General Permit. In accordance with the judgement, the State Board is in the process of modifying the General Permit by adding sampling and analysis requirements. As originally proposed by State Board staff in a public hearing before a State Board hearing officer on February 7th, the proposed modifications would have added requirements for sampling and analyzing all of the following: flow, settleable solids, total suspended solids, turbidity, any pollutants that are not visually detectable, for those construction sites that directly discharge to impaired waters (for sediment). In comments provided by Regional Board staff, we expressed support for monitoring requirements, but requested that State Board eliminate duplication of sampling requirements. In response to over 100 comments, the hearing officer has directed State Board

staff to clarify requirements and guidance. The State Board will again consider this matter in a public hearing on April 4, 2001. For more information, call Kathleen Groody at (916) 341-5530.

Construction and Industrial - Inspection Summary

Wendy Phillips

Staff has targeted full compliance inspections, including SWPPP reviews, of 443 facilities during the wet season in fiscal year 2000/01. By the end of February, we had completed 203 - almost half - of the targeted inspections, as shown:

Compliance Inspections					
	Jul 1st through Dec 31st	Jan	Feb	YTD Total (% Target)	Target for 2000/01
Construction	36	21	35	92 (39%)	235
Industrial	12	68	31	111 (53%)	208
Total	48	89	66	203 (46%)	443

Although we planned to complete all 443 inspections within the third quarter (before the wet season ends), it appears that this activity will continue into the 4th quarter. Note that, in addition to the 203 compliance inspections at the end of February, staff has completed hundreds of other types of inspections, including inspections for NOT (Notice of Termination) applications, follow-up inspections, enforcement and complaint inspections.

REMEDIATION

Investigation and Closure of Various Areas of Concern at Long Beach Naval Complex

Ana Townsend

Long Beach Naval Complex, which is made up of the former Long Beach Naval Station (LBNST) and former Long Beach Naval Shipyard (LBNSY), has a total of fourteen Installation Restoration (IR) sites and numerous Areas of Concerns (AOC), which are made up of underground storage tanks, clarifiers, catch basins, hydraulic lifts and storm drains. The contaminants of concern at these sites include chlorinated and non-chlorinated volatile organic compounds, total petroleum hydrocarbons, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and metals. The Navy performed the investigation and remediation of various AOCs with oversight by the Regulatory Agencies, which include the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) and the Regional Water Quality Control Board

(RWQCB) in 1999. In February 2001, the RWQCB issued eight no further action letters for six AOCs and nine different structures located on the Long Beach Naval Complex.

Well Investigation Program

Dixon Oriola

Regional Board staff attended a Inter-agency Coordinating Committee (ICC) meeting on March 8, 2001, hosted by Melvin Blevins, the Upper Los Angeles River Area Watermaster. This meeting is held quarterly to discuss the Groundwater Quality Management Plan for the San Fernando Valley. Attendees include representatives from DTSC, DHS, City of Burbank, City of Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, and the City of San Fernando. Some regulated dischargers were represented such as: 3M-Pharmaceutical, Rockdyne, Micro Matics, Price Pfister, Weston, and Lockheed Martin. Update on assessment and cleanup activities were presented and comments made.

The City of Burbank informed the group of a new pollutant called 1,2, 3-Trichloropropane (TCP) that has an Action Level of 5 parts per trillion (ppt). This chemical has been detected at levels as high as 30 parts per billion in some monitoring wells.

Inspections are continuing at facilities that responded to our Chemical Use Questionnaire. We issued 29 Notice of Violation Letters to San Fernando Valley facilities that did not respond to the original **November 8, 2000** mail-out.

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM

Charnock Sub-basin MTBE Investigation Area

Dr. Weixing Tong

At present, there are 26 active sites in the Charnock Sub-Basin. Of the 26 active sites, there are 12 sites where additional site assessment work is required. Groundwater monitoring is being performed at all the sites. Remedial action workplans for the soil and/or groundwater have been approved for a total of ten sites. One additional site has a cleanup workplan under review.

On the Charnock regional issues, Regional Board and Shell have entered into a Stipulated Agreement containing a specified Scope of Work to perform regional investigation and analysis of alternatives for both Interim Water Replacement and Interim Regional Response Actions. The Regional Board, at the August 31, 2000 meeting, approved the Stipulated Agreement. As part of this investigation, a number of groundwater monitoring wells will be installed in the Upper Silverado Aquifer to determine the plume source and characteristics and perform periodic groundwater monitoring. This work will require development of a basin-wide flow model, develop a GIS database, evaluate alternate drinking water sources within the Charnock Sub-Basin, evaluate methods of treating polluted groundwater and restoring the Charnock Sub-Basin Investigation Area to its full beneficial use, and provide a community relations plan. The work specified in the SOW is a necessary step to restore the drinking water supply at the Charnock Wellfields. Currently, field work is ongoing, and fourteen regional wells have been completed to date. Regional Board and USEPA (Agencies) have also established an inquiry hotline in response to the community concerns regarding the drilling and sampling activities required by the agencies. So far about several dozen of incoming calls have used the hotline for inquiries. Regional Board and USEPA staff always answered the calls timely. On March 7, 2001, the Agencies held a technical meeting at the Regional Board office for updating the regional investigation and individual site activities. All 26 potential responsible parties (PRPs) were invited to the meeting in order to coordinate the

regional efforts from all PRPs.

On December 11, 2000, the Regional Board issued a Cleanup and Abatement Order CAO-00-160 to Chevron U.S.A. Incorporated, Thrifty Oil Co, and Best California Gas Ltd. (Chevron/Thrifty/Best) for PRP Site No. 23 (former Chevron/Thrifty No. 247). Currently, work required in the order is ongoing. Off-site groundwater monitoring wells are to be installed starting on March 13, 2001. On January 8, 2001, Chevron/Thrifty/Best initiated the field excavation activities in the fuel dispenser area at the site. Contaminated soil from an area of 60 by 40 square feet and 20 feet deep has been excavated and soil has been disposed of offsite. Removal of the underground tanks will be followed.

Arcadia Wellfield MTBE Remediation

Jay Huang

The shallow aquifer and lower aquifer in the vicinity of the former Mobil Station 18-LDM have been treated with a pump and treat system since October 1997. Currently approximately 18 gallons per minute (GPM) of groundwater are being pumped from 18 groundwater extraction wells of the shallow and lower aquifers and treated at the Mobil facility.

As of January 2001, the treatment system has pumped 18.687 million gallons of groundwater and removed an estimated amount of 76.4 pounds of TPH and 204.5 pounds of MTBE. The average MTBE concentration in the shallow aquifer influent has been decreased from over 2,000 mg/L in 1998 to 55 mg/L in January 2001. The average MTBE concentration in the lower aquifer influent is approximately 110 mg/L in January 2001. The impacted soil in the vadose zone has been treated with a vapor extraction system (VES). The cumulative VOC mass removed is 11,734 pounds since May 1999.

A Production Aquifer Remediation System (PARS) using activated carbon filtering to clean up the production aquifer has been operated from May 17, 2000 until December 2000. Groundwater from Arcadia Well No.5 was pumped at 300 GPM and discharged to a storm drain. From May till December 2000, PARS has pumped approximately 93.8 million gallons of groundwater and removed 0.45 pounds of MTBE. The average daily influent concentration of MTBE was 0.2 mg/L. A spiking demonstration test designed to further evaluate system reliability and effectiveness has been conducted for 45 days since November 7, 2000. The spiking test has been successfully completed and ended on December 22, 2000. Mobil is preparing to submit a report summarizing the result of spiking demonstration test to the California Department of Health Service (DHS) in April 2001. The PARS has been turned off since January 2001 and carbon was replaced. After the PARS is permitted to operate by the DHS, expected later this year, the PARS will resume pumping and treated water from Arcadia Well No. 5, to be routed to Santa Monica treatment plant for distribution to the public.

Implementation of MTBE and Other Oxygenates Final Draft Guidelines

David Bacharowski

Governor Davis issued Executive Order D-5-99 on March 25, 1999, and signed Senate Bill 989 on October 8, 1999. These documents recognize that if not managed properly, MTBE can cause significant adverse impacts to current and future beneficial uses of ground and surface waters. As a result, Final Draft Guidelines for Investigation and Cleanup of MTBE and Other Oxygenates (Final Draft Guidelines) have been developed by the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Clean Water Programs-Underground Storage Tank Program. The Final Draft Guidelines are intended to assist managers and staff at state and local regulatory agencies with the task of overseeing the investigation and cleanup of sites where there have been or may have been releases of MTBE-laden petroleum fuels or other oxygenates [i.e., tertiary butyl alcohol (TBA), ethyl tertiary butyl ether (ETBE), di-isopropyl ether (DIPE), tertiary amyl methyl ether

(TAME), methanol (MeOH), and ethanol (EtOH)]. The Final Draft Guidelines provide definitions for areas that are most vulnerable to groundwater contamination, provide a priority ranking scheme for oxygenate release sites, outline a decision making framework for determining appropriate actions, and propose a timeframe for completing site management milestones.

To implement the Final draft guidelines, Regional Board staff have conservatively interpreted the guidelines, and determined the following priority criteria for investigation and cleanup: a) sites less than 1,000 feet to a receptor, b) sites less than 3,000 feet to a receptor that have failed to provide required test results for MTBE and other fuel oxygenates, c) selected free product sites, and d) sites in close proximity to sensitive receptors (e.g., school or daycare center). Sites meeting one of the above criteria will be classified as an "A" for Investigation Priority and as a "1" for Cleanup Priority.

The sites that have been identified as "A" and "1" are directed by the Executive Officer to perform the following corrective action steps:

1. Develop a Preliminary Site Conceptual Model;
2. Develop a technical report detailing the results of all soil and groundwater assessment completed and submit a workplan to complete any remaining soil and/or groundwater investigations necessary to fully define the lateral and vertical extent of any free product or dissolved petroleum hydrocarbon plume(s), to include MTBE or other fuel oxygenate contamination onsite and offsite;
3. Develop a technical report detailing the results of any corrective actions completed and submit a workplan to perform any interim cleanup necessary to contain or control the spread or migration of any residual contamination;
4. Complete an evaluation to estimate plume travel time;
5. Determine a final cleanup remedy;
6. Provide quarterly monitoring reports and updates to the Site Conceptual Model; and
7. Perform a verification-monitoring program.

Between March 8, 2001 and March 15, 2001, the Regional Board issued approximately 120 directive letters to owners and/or operators of leaking UST's, requiring implementation of the Final Draft Guidelines. Copies of the Final Draft Guidelines can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Theresa Rodgers at (213) 576-6621.

Completion of Corrective Action at Leaking Underground Fuel Storage Tank Sites
David Bacharowski

Regional Board staff have reviewed corrective actions taken for soil and/or groundwater contamination problems from leaking UST's for the time of February 6, 2001, through March 2, 2001 and determined that no further corrective actions are required:

No Case Closures were granted during this period of time.

SURFACE WATER DIVISION

WATERSHED REGULATORY

90-Day Bypass of Secondary Treatment at the Joint Water Pollution Control Plant

Jau Ren Chen

On April 13, 2000, this Regional Board adopted Resolution No. 00-05 approving 90-day bypass of secondary treatment at the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County's (Districts) Joint Water Pollution Control Plant in the spring of 2001. The bypass is needed to carry out the repairs on the corrosion-damaged facilities in a cost-effective and timely manner to prevent a potential catastrophic failure of the secondary treatment facilities in the future. During the 90-day bypass period only the enhanced primary treatment will be employed.

As required by the Regional Board, the Districts had been exploring all possible measures, from April 2000 to December 2000, that could maximize primary effluent quality during the 90-day bypass period. The Districts had concluded that the feasible approach is the addition of high levels of ferric chloride (up to 30 mg/L) and anionic polymer (up to 0.2 mg/L) in the primary treatment process. During the 90-day bypass period the suspended solids concentration in the primary effluent is expected to be between 85 to 100 mg/L (30-day average limit: 90 mg/L).

The Districts will begin the 90-day bypass on April 1, 2001. The Districts will also implement the Enhanced Monitoring and Reporting prescribed in Resolution No. 00-05. The data collected will be used for the evaluation of the impacts to the receiving water.

Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) Update - NPDES No. CA0064351, Order No. 99-143, CI-8084

Thizar Tintut-Williams

ACTA submitted draft reports for the Current Tracer Study, Chelex-100 Validation Study and Chelate Stability Study on February 14, 2001, to the Oversight Committee members for their comments. The comments were received and were incorporated in the final reports for the studies. The final reports were submitted to the Regional Board Office on February 28, 2001. The next Oversight Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2001.

Monthly Report of Violations & Enforcement Action Summary for January 2001.

Al Novak

A copy of the report of violations that occurred within the Region from [January 1, 2001 to January 31, 2001](#) is available by contacting Laura C. Gallardo at (213) 576-6613 or at lgallard@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov. The violations are sorted by Agency or Facility.

General Permitting Activity

Augustine Anijelo

General Permit enrollments, revisions, and recessions for the month of February 2001 are shown as [attachment "B"](#). The dischargers are listed by general permit type, then facility name.

REGIONAL PROGRAMS

Energy Crisis

Tony Rizk

In response to the energy crisis, the State Board, in coordination with Regional Boards, formed an energy team dedicated to providing interagency coordination and supporting Governor Davis' effort to solve the energy crisis. The Los Angeles Regional Board has been a leading partner in this effort. The Team has been tracking and commenting on proposed legislative bills on the energy crisis. Further, the Team has been actively working with other agencies, including the California Energy Commission and the Air Resources Board, to help expedite environmental reviews of upcoming power plant expansions and modifications. Finally, the Team has established lines of communications to exchange information. For more information, please contact Tony Rizk, at 213-576-6756.

Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and Basin Plan Amendments

Ballona Creek Trash TMDL Released for Public Comment

Melinda Becker

The Ballona Creek Trash TMDL was released for public comment on March 9, 2001. The TMDL is based on the findings from the Los Angeles River Trash TMDL, which was adopted by the Board on January 25, 2001. Like the Los Angeles River TMDL, the Ballona Creek TMDL provides for the phased reduction of trash discharges over a 12-year period, and establishes a final waste load allocation of zero trash discharge to the Creek. The TMDL assigns waste load allocations to stormwater discharges. Specifically, waste load allocations are assigned to the municipal stormwater permittees and Caltrans. The municipal permittees impacted by the TMDL are Beverly Hills, Culver City, Santa Monica, Inglewood, Los Angeles, and the unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles. The Board is scheduled to consider the item during the April 26, 2001 meeting. For more information, please contact Melinda Becker at 213-576-6681.

Los Angeles River Trash TMDL Update

Dennis Dickerson

Several petitions challenging the Regional Board's adoption of the Trash TMDL for the Los Angeles River were filed with the State Water Resources Control Board. Four individual petitions were filed. The first petition was filed by the cities of Arcadia, Artesia, Bell Gardens, Bellflower, Cerritos, Downey, Irwindale, La Mirada, Lakewood, Lawndale, Montebello, Norwalk, Paramount, Rosemead, San Gabriel, Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, and Vernon. The second by the City of Los Angeles, the third by the County of Los Angeles, and the fourth, by the cities of Monrovia and San Fernando. On March 5th, the State Board issued a letter denying the petitions noting that such petitions are not provided for in the Water Code. Rather, the Water Code provides that the State Board must review and approve the Basin plan amendment prior to its becoming effective. The State Board has not yet announced its schedule for review.

Additionally, a Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Declaratory Relief and Injunctive Relief was filed, by the same cities noted in group one above, on February 23rd.

Preliminary Workshop on Effluent Dominated Waters

Renee DeShazo

The Regional Board and State Board co-sponsored a preliminary workshop on the topic of Effluent Dominated Water Bodies (EDWs) on February 28, 2001, at the Metropolitan Water District in Los Angeles, California. The purpose of the workshop was to solicit public comments on the concept of

EDWs to aid State and Regional Board staff in crafting policy alternatives for addressing EDWs. The workshop was attended by 54 individuals representing numerous agencies and organizations, including county and city governments, regional water districts, consultants, environmental organizations, and US EPA Region 9. Christine Bailey, Chief of the Freshwater Standards Unit at the State Board, moderated the workshop. The other panelists included, from State Board, Sue Palmer, DWQ, and Betsy Jennings, OCC, and from the Regional Board, Deborah Smith, Jonathan Bishop and Renee DeShazo. Dennis Dickerson was also in attendance. Nine individuals gave comments during the workshop. A second workshop was held in Sacramento on March 14, 2001. State Board staff will summarize all written and verbal comments received by March 28, 2001, within 150 days. Within 150 days, State Board staff also will prepare a schedule for developing policy alternatives to present to the State Board at a public hearing to be announced at a later date. For additional information, please contact Renee DeShazo, at 213-576-6783.

Data Solicitation for 2002 Regional Water Quality Assessment and 303(d) List Update

Renee DeShazo

On March 6, 2001, Regional Board staff sent a letter to over 1,200 organizations and individuals soliciting ambient water quality data collected from July 1997 to the present. The letter also is posted on the Regional Board's website at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/>. The ambient water quality data will be used by the Regional and State Board to assess the quality of waters in California, culminating in the State's 2002 federal Clean Water Act Section 305(b) Report on Water Quality. In addition, it will be used to provide US EPA with a revised list of waters (known as the 303(d) List) considered by the State to be impaired (i.e., not attaining water quality standards) after certain required technology based water quality controls are in place. Regional Board staff will prepare recommendations to the SWRCB in Fall 2001. It is anticipated that the final statewide list will be provided to US EPA by April 2002, as required by federal regulations. Opportunities for review and public comment on the submission will be announced at a later date. For additional information, please contact Rene DeShazo at 213-576-6783.

Dominguez Channel Watershed Advisory Council

Tony Rizk

The Regional Board, The County of Los Angeles, the Cities of Torrance, Hawthorne, Carson, Lomita, Gardena, and Inglewood, the Port of Los Angeles, the Port of Long Beach, and a consortium of industrial dischargers held the second Dominguez Channel Watershed Advisory Council meeting on March 7, 2001. The meeting focused on establishing procedures and protocol guidelines for the Council. First, the Council reaffirmed its commitment to develop a Dominguez Channel Watershed Area Management Plan. Then, the discussion focused on the upcoming TMDLs for Dominguez Channel. The industrial dischargers and the municipalities expressed their intent to assist the Regional Board in the TMDL development. Consequently, the Advisory Council agreed to include a TMDL workshop in the near future. For more information, please contact Tony Rizk, at 213-576-6756.

Marina Del Rey Watershed

Tony Rizk

The Regional Board, the US EPA, and the US Army Corps of Engineers met several times in February to coordinate the pathogen TMDL development for Marina del Rey. These organizations have exchanged extensive information, obtained by each, on Marina del Rey. As a result of these exchanges, data needs for the Marina have been identified. The Regional Board and the US EPA are jointly developing an extended outline of the TMDL. For more information, please contact Tony Rizk, at 213-576-6756.

Los Angeles River Nutrient and Coliform TMDLs

Rod Collins

Through a contract with the L.A. Regional Board, the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP), coordinated wet-weather TMDL sampling events during the months of January 2001 and February of 2001. SCCWRP coordinated the collection of 20 station samples from seven land use sites during 3 separate storm events within the Los Angeles and Santa Monica Bay watersheds. The data gathered during the sampling events will be used in a water quality model for the Los Angeles River, as well as the Santa Monica Bay nutrient and coliform TMDLs. For further information contact Rod Collins at (213) 576-6808.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

Calleguas Creek Watershed

Shirley Birosik

The Water Quality/Water Resources Subcommittee last met on September 13. Data generated by the Surface Water Element of the Calleguas Creek Characterization Study Monitoring Program has been evaluated and a report is available. The study was required by the Regional Board in order to characterize water quality within the watershed and determine dischargers' contributions to the quality of surface water and groundwater. Data from the Groundwater element will be available shortly. Another component of the program, funded by Clean Water Act 205(j) monies, is evaluating nonpoint source contributions and has developed preliminary loadings for nitrogen and phosphorus. The Subcommittee is currently in the process of drafting a Water Resources/Water Quality Chapter in the Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan.

The Flood Protection/Sedimentation Subcommittee last met on March 12. They are currently involved with conducting a hydrologic study of the watershed, which will include a model for erosion and sedimentation.

The Public Education/Outreach Subcommittee met on February 20. It has completed the first edition of a newsletter to cover watershed issues and events. Additionally, the group has produced a color brochure on the management plan process in the watershed.

A Land Use Subcommittee has recently been formed and will include representatives from local planning agencies. It met last on March 6.

The Habitat/Recreation Subcommittee last met on March 6 and continues work on the vegetation mapping. A general inventory of wetlands in the watershed is complete and potential sites for restoration have been identified. The group is next scheduled to meet on May 1. A Biology Advisory Group has been formed to aid this Subcommittee in review of technical materials.

The Steering Committee for the Watershed Management Plan last met on March 12. A draft Table of Contents for the Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan being developed has been prepared.

A State of the Watershed conference was held January 19, 2001, at California State University, Channel Islands. A tour of potential wetlands restoration sites was held on the previous day.

Los Angeles River Watershed

Los Angeles River Watershed The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month. The Council's Internet address is <http://www.lasgriverswatershed.org>. The most recent meeting was held on March 21.

The Friends of the LA River has a Los Angeles River e-mail discussion forum. To subscribe, e-mail to la-river-discuss-subscribe@makelist.com. To view archives of past Los Angeles River discussions on the Internet, go to <http://www.egroups.com/list/la-river-discuss>.

San Gabriel River Watershed

A "State of the Watershed" report is available for the San Gabriel River Watershed, which was prepared by Regional Board staff. The report describes the watershed, with its many diversion structures and recharge areas, and summarizes available water quality data in a manner easily understood by the layperson. The complete set of data evaluated for the report (as well as the report itself) is available electronically by contacting Shirley Birocik at sbirosik@rb4.swrcb.ca.gov. Hardcopies of the report are also available.

The Friends of the San Gabriel River is becoming an active stakeholder in the watershed and submitted comments on the aforementioned watershed report. Their website is at <http://www.sangabrielriver.org/>.

Santa Monica Bay Watershed

The Modeling and Monitoring Subcommittee of the Malibu Creek Watershed Advisory Council has drafted a watershed-wide monitoring program for the Malibu Creek Watershed. The group last met on May 6, 1999; a draft monitoring program has been distributed to stakeholders for comment. A major task will be finding partners to participate in this voluntary program to assess and help correct the water quality concerns in this area. Proposition 13 funding is currently being pursued to aid in implementing this program. No further meetings are currently scheduled for this group.

The Malibu Creek Watershed Executive and Advisory Council last met on January 16 and included reports from the Council's committees and task forces.

The Malibu Lagoon Task Force last met on February 20. The Task Force is concerned with lagoon water level management and all aspects of the UCLA study of the lagoon. The UCLA study covers a hydrologic evaluation, appropriateness of various biological and water quality objectives, water level management, eutrophication issues, pathogens, and the historical condition of the lagoon. The study was funded by a California Coastal Conservancy grant with assistance by local agencies. The group has recently finalized a priority list of restoration options as well as general Best Management Practices for the watershed and now is pursuing implementation.

A watershed committee has been meeting in the Topanga Creek Watershed. A major near-term goal of this watershed committee is to prioritize potential actions previously identified in a draft Topanga Creek Watershed Management Study and start a coordinated resource management planning (CRMP) process. A longer-term goal is preparation of a watershed management plan that will help address a number of issues including flood control in the canyon. The committee last met on March 3. The group's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) provides technical oversight for the various projects being undertaken in the watershed. The Committee's website address is <http://www.TopangaOnline.com/twc/>.

Other Santa Monica Bay Watershed activities are covered under the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Project item.

Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project

The Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project is a partnership of public agencies working cooperatively to acquire, restore, and enhance coastal wetlands and watersheds between Point Conception and the International border with Mexico. Using a non-regulatory approach and an ecosystem perspective, the Wetlands Project works to identify wetland acquisition and restoration priorities, prepare plans for these priority sites, pool funds to undertake these projects, implement priority plans, and oversee post-project maintenance and monitoring.

The goal of the Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project is to accelerate the pace, the extent, and the effectiveness of coastal wetland restoration in Southern California through developing and implementing a regional prioritization plan for the acquisition, restoration, and enhancement of Southern California's coastal wetlands and watersheds. Ultimately, the Wetlands Project's efforts will result in a long-term increase in the quantity and quality of the region's wetlands.

The Wetlands Recovery Project is headed by Board of Governors comprised of top officials from each of the participating agencies. The Southern California Wetlands Managers Group and the Public Advisory Committee serve as advisory committees to the Board. The Wetlands Managers Group is responsible for drafting the regional restoration plan and advising the Governing Board on regional acquisition, restoration, and enhancement priorities. The Wetlands Project has also established a panel of scientists to advise on regional goals, specific objectives, project criteria, and priorities. Governing Board meetings are public and are noticed at least 10 days prior to each meeting. If you sign up on the [Wetlands Project email list](#), you will receive email notification of all board meetings. Minutes from previous meetings and other information about the group may be found on their website at <http://www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov/scwrp/index.html>.

Each spring the Wetlands Recovery Project accepts proposals for acquisition, restoration, and enhancement projects for coastal wetlands and watersheds in Southern California. The Wetlands Recovery Project Managers Group is currently developing a list of priority projects for fiscal year 2001-2002 for consideration by the Governing Board at their May 18 meeting. A proposal submittal form is available on the Project's website; proposals were due by February 23. The Wetlands Recovery Project does not have adequate funds for all of the projects on the priority list, so it has adopted a policy of "first-ready, first-funded." Other potential projects are entered into a database for re-consideration in the future. A project is more than a wetland or watershed that needs help. It must be a specific action. To be considered a priority project, acquisitions must have willing sellers and restoration work must have a local agency or non-profit that can carry out the work with the assistance of the Coastal Conservancy. The Wetlands Recovery Project helps to identify and fund worthy projects, but does not carry out the work. Limited funds are available for planning. Projects closer to the coast or clearly benefiting coastal resources will receive preference. A list of the current priority projects is provided on the website as well.

Request for Proposals - Proposition 13

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for monies available in three sub-accounts of Proposition 13: Watershed Protection Program, Nonpoint Source Control Program, and Coastal Nonpoint Source Program. Proposals were due to the SWRCB by February 1, 2001. The process of ranking proposals statewide is now underway. Information about Proposition 13 funding, may be accessed electronically on the SWRCB website at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/prop13/index.html>. General information on both Propositions 12 and 13 may be found on the Planning and Conservation League's website at <http://www.pcl.org/>.

Watershed Management Initiative Chapter

Each Regional Board updates on an annual basis a "chapter" on how that Board is implementing watershed management in the Region. The consolidated statewide chapter is the basis for many funding decisions including allocating money for monitoring, TMDL development, and grant monies disbursement. Each Region's Chapter is updated on an annual basis; the last update occurred in December 2000 and includes information on Regional Board implementation of the state's upgraded nonpoint source management program. Copies of this Region's current Chapter (as well as Appendices) and/or its Executive Summary may be obtained by contacting the Regional Board office, Regional Programs Section secretary. The updated document may also be sent out electronically (in MSWord97) and is available on the Regional Board's webpage (under Regional Programs) at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4>.

Nonpoint Source Program

Proposition 13

Valerie Carrillo

The Nonpoint Source Program focused most of its recent efforts on the review and ranking of 69 regional Proposition 13 proposals submitted for funding under the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2000-01 grants. Staff have completed the internal review and are currently participating in the statewide ranking process. Results of the statewide ranking should be available in mid-April. A public workshop is tentatively scheduled for April 11, 2001, and will primarily focus on increasing stakeholder participation in setting regional funding priorities for the SFY 2001-02 grants.

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Program

Anthony Klecha

As of March 15th the following Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) actions have been issued since the preparation of the last Executive Officers Report:

DATE	APPLICANT	PROJECT	ACTION
3/1/2001	LB/L-SunCal Mandalay, LLC	Westport at Mandalay Bay	Conditional WQC
3/8/2001	California Department of Transportation	LA-Interstate 10 HOV (Baldwin Avenue-605 FWY)	Conditional WQC
3/8/2001	Shea Homes	Camarillo II Project - Tract 5248	Conditional WQC
3/8/2001	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	Los Angeles River Channel-Invert Access Ramp	Standard WQC
3/13/2001	BKK Corporation	San Jose Hills Development	Conditional WQC
3/14/2001	California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS)	Maintenance at Calgrove Rd/I-5 Northbound On-ramp	Conditional WQC

Certification actions recently issued and project descriptions for applications currently being reviewed can be viewed from our Web Site located at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4/html/meetings/401wqc.html>. For additional information regarding

encourage public input during the certification process.

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Water Quality Delegation from Hebei Province, China

G. Jeffrey Hu

A water quality delegation from the People's Republic of China visited the LARWQCB office on February 27, 2001. The 9-people delegation is composed of mid- to senior level management staff from China National Flood Control headquarter, and provincial and local Water Resource Departments of Hebei Province. Regional Board staff gave presentations on the history, authority, and functions of the State Water Resources Control Board and the Regional Water Quality Control Board, including Watershed Regulatory, Underground Tank, and Remediation Programs.

University of Southern California, Spring 2001 Engineering Career Expo

Alex Fu, Rebecca Nevarez, Yue Rong

On February 22, 2001, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region staff participated in the Spring 2001 Engineering Career Expo at the University of Southern California. The event was coordinated by Engineering Career Services, as part of Engineering Week activities. There were approximately eighty companies in attendance recruiting all engineering majors and degrees. Staff at various levels, who shared their experiences and knowledge with many interested students, represented the State Water Resources Control Board. The Expo was an all day event. Over the course of the day approximately two dozen engineering application packets, a dozen scientist packets, and a few geologist packets, were distributed to undergraduates who expected to graduate in May or December, as well as to graduate students. In addition to recruiting for full time employment, sixteen resumes were collected from environmental, civil and mechanical engineering students looking for internships. The Expo was a success not only for the students but also for the Regional Water Quality Control Board staff.

UCLA Career Week

Yue Rong

On February 15, 2001, Regional Board staff participated in UCLA Career Week for Life Sciences for Board recruitment. Staff presented the function of the Board, the nature of the job as well as benefits to upcoming graduates and potential recruits.

Job Fair at Cal State Long Beach

Alex Fu

On Wednesday, March 14, 2001, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board staff participated in a job fair held at the Cal State University Long Beach campus. There were approximately 150 booths in the University Student Center. 36 prospective employees signed up

to take the state exam. Questions regarding internship were referred to Personnel. Engineering, Environmental Specialist and Engineering Geologist job descriptions were distributed to many CSU Long Beach students.

Workshops

Raymond Jay

Staff attended several meetings and workshops during the previous month including the Beach Water Quality Task Force, the NPS Roundtable and the 401 Water Quality Certification Roundtable. Staff also met with the McGrath Lake Trustees on March 7, 2001, to discuss NPS and TMDL issues. Municipal - Presentation on New Development Standards to South Bay Cities Xavier Swamikannu On March 27, 2001, Staff will provide the regulatory perspective on new development standards at a workshop for South Bay Cities municipal Building and Safety and Planning Department staffs. The workshop is co-sponsored by the South Bay Cities Council of Governments and the City of Torrance.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Personnel Report

Dolores Renick

As of March 12, 2001 our staff total is 164:

142 technical staff (including 3 part-time staff and 1 on a leave of absence),
7 permanent administrative staff and,
15 permanent clerical staff.

Staff is currently taking steps to fill 1 Unit Chief position, 10 technical staff positions and 1 clerical position.

The following appointments have been made:

Sumaira Noreen, Office Technician (Typing), Storm Water Section appointed 02/13/01.

Beverly Barbour, Office Technician (Typing), Enforcement and Groundwater Permitting Section appointed 02/20/01.

Jeffrey Mack, Environmental Specialist III, Storm Water Ventura Unit appointed 02/26/01.

G. Russell Colby, Environmental Specialist II, Enforcement Unit appointed 03/05/01.

New Staff

Weindy Abarquez

Our Storm Water Section is proud to have three new additions to our team.

1). **Jeff Mack**,

Environmental Specialist III, joins us from the LA Unified School District, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, where he served for 12 years as an Assistant Industrial Hygienist. Prior to

working for LAUSC, he worked for Getty Oil and the Department of Water Resources in the Southern District. Jeff will be working under the supervision of Ejigu Solomon for the Ventura Section. We also have two new secretaries,

2). **Weindy Abarquez** and

3). **Sumaira Noreen**.

Weindy joined us from the private sector, where she developed strong organizational and outreach skills while managing a dental office prior to her State service. Sumaira transferred from the Youth Authority, where she was responsible for accounts payable and other databases. Also, she was a computer science instructor prior to joining State service.

The following promotions were made:

Khalid Abdullah, from Associate Information Systems Analyst to Staff Information Systems Analyst effective 01/01/01.

Valerie Carrillo, from Environmental Specialist I to Engineering Geologist effective 02/26/01.

The following separated from Region 4:

Morton Price, Engineering Geologist, separated from State Service effective 02/23/01.

ATTACHMENT "A"

Enforcement Unit NPDES inspections of facilities

	Facility Inspected		Date of Inspection	Type of Inspection
1.	Amir Development, Co.	Wilshire/Carson Office Building	2/21/01	"B" type compliance - A routine non-sampling inspection
2.	Shapiro, Gary, Evelyn & Leona	GW - Tiger Co.	2/21/01	"B" type compliance - A routine non-sampling inspection
3.	San Gabriel Valley Water Co.	SGVWC Plant B5	2/22/01	"B" type compliance - A routine non-sampling inspection
4.	San Gabriel Valley Water Co.	Plant B7-Well B7E	2/22/01	"B" type compliance - A routine non-sampling inspection
5.	San Gabriel Valley Water Co.	San Gabriel Valley Water W6	2/22/01	"B" type compliance - A routine non-sampling inspection
6.	Maguire Partners	The Gas Co. Tower	2/23/01	"B" type compliance - A routine non-sampling inspection
7.	World Oil Marketing Co.	Tank leak – World Marketing 2	2/27/01	"B" type compliance - A routine non-sampling inspection
8.	Hernandez Auto (Norwalk Ind.)	Ecology Auto Wrecking	2/28/01	"B" type compliance - A routine non-sampling inspection
9.	Eugene Jizhak	Huntley Drive Apartments	2/28/01	"B" type compliance - A routine non-sampling inspection

10.	Southern California Water Co.	Harrison Well #2	2/28/01	"B" type compliance - A routine non-sampling inspection
11.	1800 Rosecrans Partners, LL	Former Fairchild Controls	3/1/01	"B" type compliance - A routine non-sampling inspection
12.	Coast Packing Co.	NC-Coast Packing Co.	3/2/01	"B" type compliance - A routine non-sampling inspection
13.	Los Angeles City of DWP	Scattergood Generating Station	3/6/01	"A" type compliance - Comprehensive inspection in which samples are taken
14.	Wilshire West Executive Cntr.	Wilshire West Executive Cntr.	3/6/01	"B" type compliance - A routine non-sampling inspection
15.	Los Angeles City of DWP	Tunnel No. 104	3/9/01	"B" type compliance - A routine non-sampling inspection

ATTACHMENT "B"

General NPDES Permit Authorization/Revision and Termination – February 2001

	General Permit type and Facility name & Location	Date of Coverage	Date of Revision	Date of Termination
A.	NPDES CAG994001 (Order No. 97-045) De-watering (no treatment)			
1	City of Thousand Oaks, Ramp Relocation, Borchard Road & Arroyo Conejo, Thousand Oaks	02/28/01		
2	Maple Associated, LTD., 407 North Maple Drive, Beverly Hills		02/01/01	
3	Calleguas Municipal Water District, Calleguas Conduit Rehabilitation Project, Semi Valley		02/15/01	
4	Ventura Flood Control Department, Ventura Bridge Modification Project at Santa Ana Blvd, Oak View			02/01/01
5	Brutoco Engineering & Construction, Compton Creek Bridge Project, Rancho Dominguez			02/07/01
6	TABC, Inc., Installation of Metal Stamping Presses and Auxiliary Equipment, 6375 Paramount Blvd., Long Beach			02/26/01
7	SFPP, L.P., Watson Station, 20410 Wilmington Avenue, Carson			02/26/01
8	Southern California Water Company, Harrison Well No. 2, 673 Harrison Avenue, Claremont			02/27/01
9	Playa Capital Company, LLC, Playa Vista Development Project, Los Angeles			02/27/01
10	City of Los Angeles, Department of Water and Power, Stone Inlet Line Flow Control, 3641			02/27/01

	Stone Canyon Avenue, Sherman Oaks			
B.	NPDES CAG994002 (Order No. 97-043) De-watering (treatment required)			
1	Southern California Water Company, Southern Well No. 6, 13503 S. Vermont Avenue, Gardena	02/06/01		
2	Playa Capital Company, LLC, Playa Vista Development (Phase I), Los Angeles	02/26/01		
3	Orlando-Melrose Place Lofts, LLC, 710 Orlando Avenue, Los Angeles			02/26/01
C.	NPDES CAG674001 (Order No. 97-047) Hydrostatic Test Water			
D.	NPDES CAG994003 (Order No. 98-055) Non-process Wastewater (no treatment)			
E.	NPDES CAG834001 (Order No. 97-046) – Cleanup of Petroleum Fuel Pollution			
1	Equilon Enterprises LLC, Shell Service Station, 13359 East South Street, Los Angeles	2/26/01		
2	Ventura Fire Department – GW Cleanup Fire Station #30, 325 Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks	2/28/01		
3	Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Former Naval Station, NEX Gas Station, Coffman Ave, Long Beach			02/27/01